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Blocked crossings causing complaints

Don Howard
Staff Writer

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>
> **CSX Railroad spokesperson Gail Lobin**

While motorists have been fuming at the delays caused by trains blocking various roadways in both Plymouth and Canton, officials throughout the area have expressed concern regarding the impact the situation could have on emergency response times.

Last Friday, Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said that he had just sent another email notifying the fire department of a roadway blocked by a train, something that has become a familiar condition during the past week.

CSX Railroad spokesperson Gail Lobin said that the company is aware of the recent blockages and traffic delays in Plymouth.

"We are indeed aware of the issues in Plymouth," she said last week in response to questions about the inordinate number of complaints received regarding blocked crossings in the Plymouth-Canton community.

Plymouth city officials, who say they have no control over the railroad operations, issued several prepared press releases during the past weeks confirming stalled trains and blocked intersections, causing traffic delays and congestion. Area residents say the long delays are unusual, unreasonable and possibly dangerous considering the hazardous materials that regularly traverse the community utilizing railway transport.

Canton Township Emergency Planner Kathy Rich said last Friday that the crossing at Haggerty Road north of Van Born was completely closed and was expected to remain impassable for at least 24 hours.

"The rail needs repair," Rich said.

Delays in Plymouth were blamed on a change in service.

"The issues (in Plymouth) were a result of some opera-

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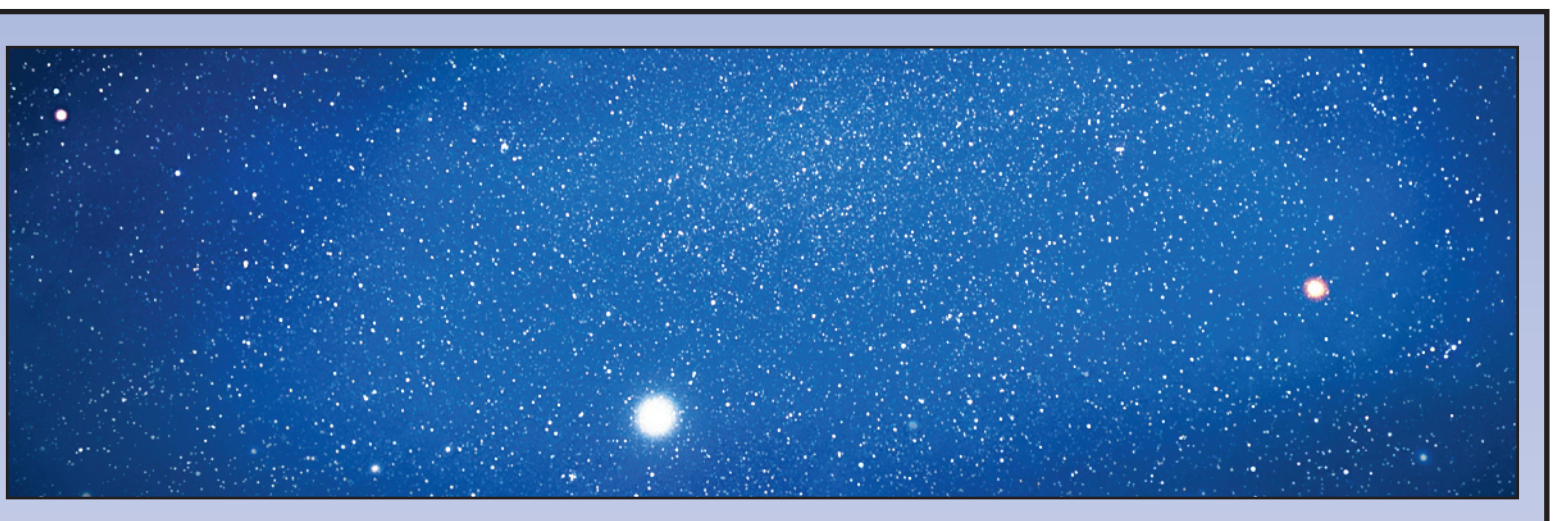

Eyes on the sky

Revamped planetarium opening celebrated at John Glenn High School

City officials and educators and administrators from the Wayne-Westland Community Schools including Superintendent of Schools Michelle Harmala were in attendance last week for the reopening of the planetarium and John Glenn High School. Alumnus Steve Kaponen, left, led a GoFundMe drive for renovations to the 50-year-old equipment.

The Friends of the John Glenn Planetarium celebrated their successful efforts to renovate and upgrade the facility last week with a grand re-opening celebration.

The 2016 renovation and reopening of the facility will once again inspire the wonder of astronomy for students and the community, a district spokesperson said. It will also open the door to the exploration of career paths in science, engineering and technical mathematics, she said.

The planetarium, originally opened in November 1964, was state-of-the-art in construction, technology and programming at that time. The planetarium was used as Wayne-Westland Community Schools educators offered high school classes in space science and astronomy and provided planetarium presentations to students and community members for nearly a half a century until the antiquated analog equipment fell into disrepair forcing the closure of the planetarium about a decade ago. Parts to keep the planetarium equipment operating and functional were no longer available as technology advanced, district officials said

The reopening was made possible by more than $60,000 in upgrades, repairs and renovations funded by community organizations, alumni and private contributors led by John Glenn alumni Steve Koponen and his wife, Sandi, who both graduated from the school in 1989.

Koponen set up a GoFundMe internet page to help pay for the needed repairs and upgrades to the planetarium. Koponen, now a science teacher in the Farmington Public Schools, learned about the dilapidated condition of the planetarium last June when he and his wife wanted to rent the facility for a small reunion of friends.

He established the GoFundMe site in an effort to bring back one of his best memories about his time in the school district.

One of the most compelling reasons we study astronomy is to satisfy our fundamental curiosity about the world in which we live. The planetarium allows students to learn in an inspiring, exciting, immersive way using current technology that is familiar to them, educators said.

With the renovations, the John Glenn planetarium is now completely interactive, according to Astronomy teacher David Christiansen.

"We tell it to do something and it does it. It is just like a computer at home, only we have an entire dome." The new technology also offers movies in an IMAX-like setting that aids in teaching a wide range of subjects.

"Not only do we have a new projector, we've got new lighting and the new sound is state of the art," said Principal David Ingham.

"It's all digital, web-based. We can do a lot of interactive

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Life saving hero honored by township

> *These are heroes you see standing before you tonight.*

The most prestigious award the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department offers was presented to firefighter John Henderson early this month.

Henderson's actions in pulling a small child from a blazing home last December were singled out by the department and his heroism awarded during a regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees. Nine other public safety workers were also honored for their exemplary conduct during the same house fire during which the child's 14-year-old uncle, Savion Robinson, died attempting to save her.

Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Greg Laurain recounted Henderson's actions during the emergency noting that Henderson opted to risk his own life on the chance he could save a child.

"These are heroes you see standing before you tonight," Laurain told the board members, officials and audience members about the men and women receiving awards for their actions. Laurain also said that the fire and police departments from Belleville and the Sumpter Fire Department should be recognized for the aid they offered during the blaze which knocked out electrical lines and caused a gas fire. There were seven people, including three children, in the home when the fire occurred.

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Northville - Plymouth

Schools of Choice available in Northville

Northville Public Schools is accepting Schools of Choice applications under Section 105 and 105c of the Michigan School Aid Act for the 2016-17 school year. Availability is limited to five openings in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program at Northville High School. Applications will be accepted beginning May 2, through 4 p.m. May 27.

In accordance with the legislated requirements, and to support the district goal of excellence and equity for all students, a review of each applicant's eligibility for the Diploma Program is required using the same criteria applied to prospective resident Diploma Program students.

The Northville Public Schools Section 105 and 105c (Non-Resident) Schools of Choice Application is available through the Office of Human Resources. Completed applications, including all forms and recommendations must be mailed or hand delivered to the Northville Public Schools Human Resources Department, 501 West Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, by 4 p.m. on May 27, 2016. The district is unable to accept electronic applications.

Applicants found to be ineligible for the Diploma Program will be notified on or before June 10. Should the number of applications approved by the Diploma Program Review Team exceed the five openings specified for Section 105 and 105c Schools of Choice students, the school district will use a random draw to select the applicants who will be offered enrollment. If necessary, the lottery will take place at 8:30 a.m. on June 9 at the Northville Public Schools Board of Education offices, also located at 501 West Main St., Northville, Michigan 48167.

Families applying for limited Schools of Choice are welcome to attend the lottery drawing. Selected students will be informed regarding placement no later than June 10.

Details regarding the lottery procedures, the Schools of Choice application, and answers to frequently asked questions about the Section 105 and 105c Schools of Choice option are available on the district website at www.northvilleschools.org.

Once a student is accepted to open enroll under Section 105 or 105c, he or she may continue to be enrolled in Northville Public Schools until graduation or until he or she withdraws from the program.

Trains

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tional changes in how we service local customers. During this time we were, and remain, in contact with local officials and local businesses,'' CSX said in a prepared statement following inquiries regarding the traffic impediments.

Lobin said that earlier in the week the company implemented some infrastructure improvements including the installation of an air-pump system. She said that CSX safety personnel were in Plymouth to ''observe first hand'' how the new equipment is operating, and that the situation appears to be improving.

''While our community and safety lead was in Plymouth, he spoke with the town manager (sic) who indicated that no new complaints from constituents were received this week. We attribute this to the improvements that were implemented on Monday. We will continue to monitor the new operation plan and systems and will continue communicating with town officials,'' she added.

Contrary to those reports, Sincock denied any contact from the railroad officials and stated he is still very concerned about the ongoing delays and said complaints from upset area residents are still being received.

''One other thing I'm very concerned about,'' Sincock said, ''is pedestrians looking for ways to cross the tracks of the stalled trains-walking down the tracks. This is very dangerous.''

Sincock said that he had received a phone call from someone at the Federal Railroad Administration who said they ''were working with the CSX on the problem.''

CSX operational policy requires that trains be broken into two parts whenever a blockage is expected to continue for more than 10 minutes. Last week, when an afternoon westbound train blocked the Ann Arbor Trail-Haggerty Road intersection at the same time it was blocking south Main Street and Farmer, the train stopped before approaching the yard office at the Plymouth ''Y'' and cars at the end of the train were unhitched and left on a siding.

CSX trains communicate by computer and a sophisticated monitoring system, both centrally dispatched from Chicago, officials said.

''We apologize for the inconvenience this had caused to the community,'' Lobin said in her response to the situation.

''The line is important to the entire region to balance the safe delivery of commerce. CSX is committed to working toward limiting the impact of our operations in the area.''

Friends of Library hosts well-known speakers

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library will host two well-known speakers in May.

The annual Book and Author Luncheon will welcome mystery writer and Michigan native Bryan Gruley at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 6. The Friends will host U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, when he presents ''The Detroit Bankruptcy Case: An Insider's View from One Year Later.''

Author Bryan Gruley is a Catholic Central alumni and Pulitzer Prize winner. His work includes Starvation Lake: A Mystery; its sequel, The Hanging Tree and a third novel, The Skeleton Box. He shared in the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for coverage of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks as part of The Wall Street Journal staff. The Mystery Writers of America nominated Starvation Lake for an Edgar Award for Best First Novel. It went on to win the Anthony, Barry and Strand awards. The Hanging Tree has been recognized as a Number One Indie Next pick, one of Michigan's Notable Books in 2011 and a Kirkus Reviews Best Mystery of 2010.

The Book and Author Luncheon will take place at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township. Cost for the luncheon is $30 per person, reservations will be accepted until noon April 22. Visit plymouthlibrary.org to download a reservation form or pick one up at the Plymouth District Library.

Steven Rhodes, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge and the recently appointed transition manager for the Detroit Public Schools, will speak during an evening presentation at the library.

As 2014 came to a close, Rhodes approved the bankruptcy plan for Detroit, allowing the city to begin the process of exiting bankruptcy. Rhodes will speak about the state of Detroit, one year following the bankruptcy process.

This program is free and open to the public - refreshments will be served. The Plymouth District Library is located at 223 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth.

For information, call the library at (734) 453-0750.

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

Art winners to be revealed during concert

The first Sounds of Downtown concert in Romulus will feature a little more than just great music.

During the concert, which will begin at 7 p.m. June 10, the winners of the Art in Nature competition organized by the Romulus Arts Council will be unveiled to the public. The competition began with the announcement from the arts council last fall seeking works from artists and photographers to become part of a temporary outdoor public art installation in the city.

The artists were asked to interpret the words Art in Nature in their entries.

"When we saw the community support for the DIA's Inside|Out program two years ago when it came to Romulus, we knew we wanted to do something to further cultivate that enthusiasm for the arts," said Maria Lambert, chair of the Romulus Arts Council.

More than 150 pieces of artwork were received from artists in Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Kentucky, Ohio and Chicago, Ill. A jury of experts chose 10 to be temporarily displayed throughout the city between June 2016 and June 2017.

First place winner was Lucille Nawara who entered Buttermilk Falls. Nawara will be presented with a cash prize of $1,000. Second place winner was Sylive Van Helden's entry, Dragon's Boon. She will be presented with a $500 cash prize. Jim Nawara will be presented with the $250 cash prize for his third-place entry, Rhombus.

Honorable mentions went to: Tatiana Arocha for Jaguar; Shirley Hathaway for Wings of the World; Patricia Izzo for Passageway; Maureen Keast for Utopian Vision; Marianne Letasi for Frozen Pond; Martine McDonald for Frozen Detroit and Lisa Olson for her entry, Blue Bird

The winning pieces will be unveiled at an awards ceremony which will take place during the June 10 concert in Romulus Historical Park featuring the local variety band, Trilogy.

For more information about the arts council or the project, call (248) 921-9601.

Court to move to school during renovations

There will be some changes made.

Those looking to pay fines, obtain information or even appear before a judge at the 34th District Court in Romulus will have to find their way to the former Merriman Elementary School beginning late this summer.

Construction on the $11 million remodeling of the court building is expected to begin in August and completion of the 15,000 square foot addition and remodeling of the court building will take from 12 to 18 months, according to officials.

While the construction is under way, court operations will move to the former school building at 15303 Merriman Road, south of Eureka. The 34th District Court currently serves the cities of Belleville and Romulus and the townships of Huron, Van Buren and Sumpter, along with Lower Huron Metropark and Metro Airport.

The renovation of the building will be paid for by a $20 funding unit fee levied on all tickets in the communities served for about 18 months, along with a bond sale. The City of Romulus has approved the bond sale, although the court is expected to repay all the bonds.

The architect on the project is the OHM firm and George Auch as the construction manager.

Chief Judge Tina Brooks Greene is expected to present the new court budget and renovation plans to the service municipalities beginning next month.

In an effort to contain costs, the court has assigned offenders from the court work program to begin work on making about half the school adaptable to the court needs. The courtrooms will be moved to former classrooms during the construction interim and the judges and clerks will share a classroom as their chambers.

The planned renovations include technology upgrades that will allow for less paperwork at the court and better communication.

Hero

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Laurain explained that while police were first on the scene, they had been beaten back by the intense heat and flames, although the officers were able to direct firefighters to the general location of the 2-year-old girl, Amariyana Wells. Henderson, the first firefighter to arrive, entered the building and crawled through the burning debris to find the child despite not having his helmet, which had been forgotten.

Fire Chief Dan Besson also praised Henderson's actions.

"It was a split second decision," he said. Henderson has also been nominated to two national life-saving awards for his actions.

After crawling through the burning home, finding the child and carrying her out of the inferno, Henderson handed her to paramedics who began life-saving procedures. He then took off his burned and debris-embedded jacket, new only a week before, climbed into the Huron Valley Ambulance and drove to the hospital while two EMTs worked on the child who had suffered third-degree burns on her back, legs and arms and severe smoke inhalation.

Other awards presented included unit commendations to dispatchers Whitney Smolinski, Julie Jones and Rob Martin; certificates of commendation to police officers Adam Byrd and Mark King; a certificate of merit to police officer Eric Dougherty; unit commendations to firefighter David Schuler and David Brouillette and lifesaving awards to John Henderson and Bronson Campbell.

Fitness challenge draws 200

Nearly 200 people took part in the annual Mayor's Fitness Challenge in Romulus this year.

The fitness challenge took place from Jan. 11 to March 14, said Andy McKay, who coordinates the program at the Romulus Athletic Center. All together, 193 members took part and lost more than 875 pounds, combined.

"It's fun when people are challenged, how they step up and put an excellent effort together and it's all for being fit," said Romulus Mayor Leroy Burcroff.

On the men's side, Jeff Conley finished in third place, losing 22 pounds or 8.12 percent of his overall weight. Matt Scully, the first-place finisher last year, came in second, losing 28 pounds, or 8.96 percent of his overall weight. Josh Bates was the top finisher; he lost 25 pounds, about 10.1 percent of his body weight.

> *These contestants had to be on guard. Everybody needs to be congratulated.*

Winners were selected based on percentage of body weight lost, not the number of pounds.

The women's top finishers were separated by less than 1 percent, McKay said.

Amy Ambrose finished in third, losing 33.5 pounds or 13.35 percent. Kathleen Curley finished in second, with a 26 pound weight loss, or 13.76 percent. Julie Wadsworth was the top finisher, losing 34 pounds, or 13.77 percent.

McKay said everybody who took part in the challenge deserved recognition.

"It isn't an easy time to focus on health, fitness and weight loss. It's a time for indoor activity; it's a time when going out to eat often replaces going outside for a walk," he said. "It's a time when prime time TV and late night pizza are all too common. These contestants had to be on guard. Everybody needs to be congratulated."

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Wayne class reunion planned

Wayne Memorial High School all class reunion is being planned for 5-10 p.m. May 13. Information and registration forms are available at www.waynehighalumni.com regarding the dinner at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born Road in Wayne.

This year, the class of 1966 will be honored along with all those who attended Wayne High School or Wayne Memorial High School. Dress is informal.

Tickets are $30 per person until May 1 and $40 if purchased after that date.

Information and registration forms available at www.wayne-highalumni.com. There will be two forms, one for the all-class reunion May 13 and one for the 1966 50th class reunion May 14. Forms available under additional reunion heading.

Those attending both events need to submit both forms.

Inkster - Wayne

15 to vie for 9 Charter Commission terms

More than 15 Inkster residents have filed petitions for election to the new Charter Commission, charged with recommending changes to the current Inkster City Charter.

The commission will be tasked with reviewing the city charter and recommending updates and changes, a task overwhelmingly approved by voters on March 8.

While the proposal on the ballot did not list any specific charter revisions, Mayor Byron Nolen suggested a change from the current city manager form of government to a strong mayor system, with the mayor as the chief executive in the city during his State of the City address earlier this year.

Following the decision of the voters, Nolen said that there was a process now in place with the establishment of a nine-member commission and he would wait to see what changes the new commissioners might suggest.

Among those filing for the nine available three-year terms were: Fred Bishop, Jr.; Ellis Clifton; Fleda Shaw Fleming; Michael A. Greene; Shirley A. Hankerson; Marcus Hendricks; Darwin Howard; Norma Diane McDaniel; William S. Miller; Connie Rose Mitchell; Courtney J. Owens; Deborah Owens; James L. Richardson; Octavia Smith and George V. Williams.

Voters will be asked Nov. 8 to choose the nine-member commission from the candidates who have filed with the Wayne County clerk.

Run for it

Wayne Champions host fundraiser

The Champions of Wayne Memorial High School program will host a 5K run/walk on Friday, May 6 at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth Street, Wayne.

Registration starts at 4:30 p.m. and the race begins at 6 p.m.

Cost to participate is $20 and includes a t-shirt Registration can be completed at https://payableform.appspot.com/forms/pdjn0

The Champions of Wayne program is an educational incentive program that includes mentoring, setting academic goals and financial rewards. The Champions program creates an opportunity for Wayne Memorial High School students to earn a $200 award if they reach a customized academic goal. Students choose a staff member as their mentor and for one semester, they create and work toward an academic goal. The program is funded by The Helppie Charitable Foundation.

For more information on the Champions program or 5K event, contact Dr. Sean Galvin at Galvins@wwcsd.net.

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The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

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The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
5 YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND
ASSESSMENT OF FAIR HOUSING REPORTS
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The above named documents for the Canton Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) are available for inspection at the Finance Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, 734-394-5225, during regular business hours. Comments on the **CONSOLIDATED PLAN** and the **A.F.H.** will be accepted for 30 days, beginning April 28, 2016. Comments received during the public comment period will be forwarded to the Department of HUD and will become an addendum to the reports.

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 15/16-34 28 2016 SUPER DUTY TRUCK AND 2016 SUV FOR RFD
ITB 15/16-29 SKID MOUNTED UTILITY UNIT - RFD
ITB 15/16-30 VIDEO CAMERA PEDESTAL SYSTEM
W/FLUID HEAD FOR ROMULUS CABLE DEPT.
ITB 15/16-31 TWO PROFESSIONAL CAMCORDERS
W/TRIPODS & ACCESSORIES FOR ROMULUS CABLE DEPT.
ITB 15/16-32 WIRELESS TROLLEY SYSTEM
W/PAN-TILT HEAD FOR ROMULUS CABLE DEPT.

(1) The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the above item/items and services.
(2) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid ***must use the forms provided by the City***. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN system at http://www.mitn.info/.
(3) Two (2) copies of the bid must be returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, May 24, 2016. Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed using the Bid package label provided in the bid documents.
(4) At approximately 2:45 p.m. local time, all timely received bids are to be publicly opened and read.
(5) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive irregularities.
(6) Bids shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the date for submitting bids.
(7) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all insurance required by the ITB documents and all required endorsements.
(8) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us.

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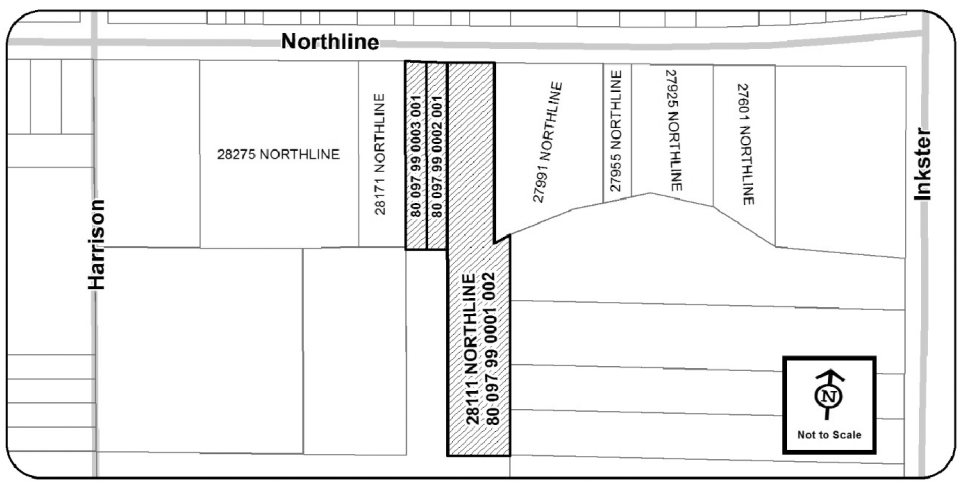
CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING - SPECIAL LAND USE
Michigan Components - 28111 Northline
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2016** for the purpose of considering a special land use request for PC-2015-029/030, Michigan Components for a contractor's storage yard.

The subject property is located at 28111 Northline. DP# 80-097-99-0001-002, 80-097-99-0002-001, and 80-097-99-0003-001.



The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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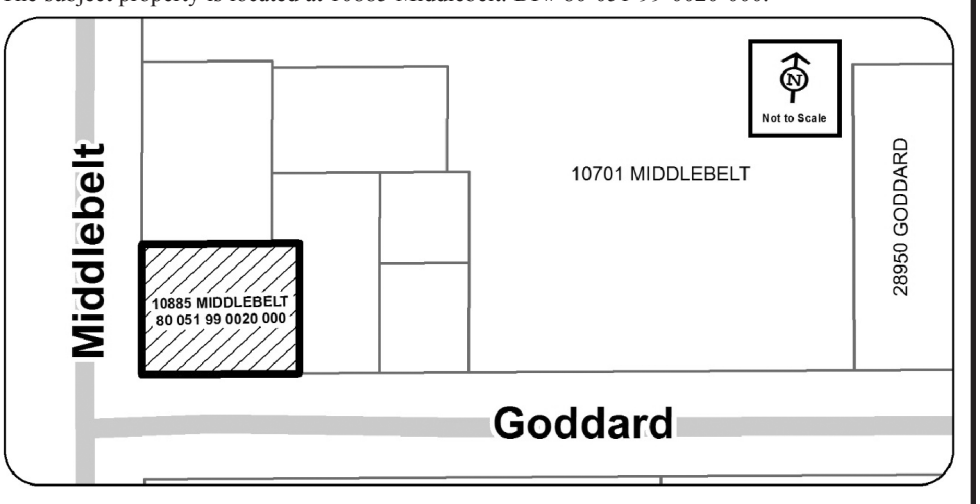
CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING - SPECIAL LAND USE
Paradise Gas Station - 10885 Middlebelt
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2016** for the purpose of considering a special land use request for SLU-2016-002, Paradise Gas Station for a new gas station with 2,851-sq. ft. convenience store and drive-thru restaurant on the former Clark Gas Station property.

The subject property is located at 10885 Middlebelt. DP# 80-051-99-0020-000.



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Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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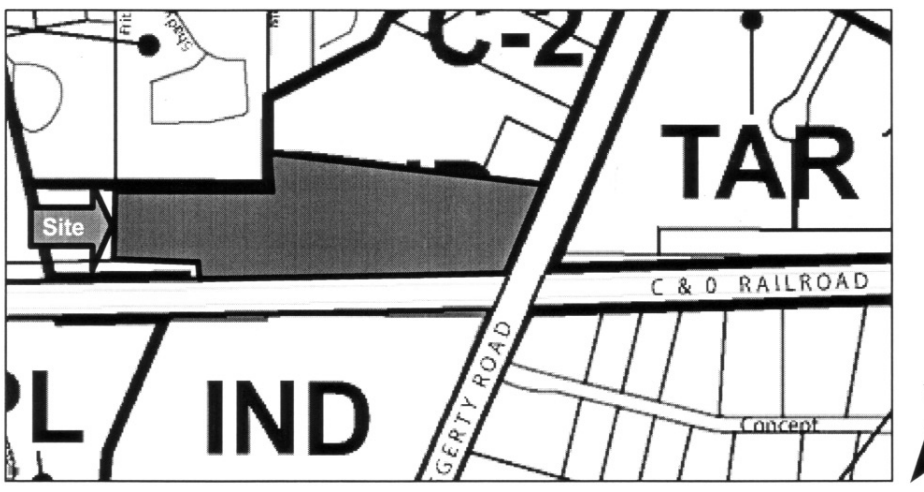
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Special Land Use
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, May 18. 2016
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application requesting SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL for outdoor storage on Tax ID No.(s) R-78-023-99-0022-000; R-78-020-01-0018-003; R-78-020-01-0019-001, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99. The property is located north of CSX Railroad, west of Haggerty Road, and south of Schoolcraft Road. The existing address is 13995 Haggerty Road. The site is zoned IND, Industrial.

Application: 2201-0416 **Applicant: Kallis Enterprises**



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: for parcel/lot descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID no.(s): R-78-023-99-0022-000; R-78-020-01-0018-003; R-78-020-01-0019-001.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested are requested to be present. Pertinent information relative to the application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-354-3270, ext. 5. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings, upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone: 734-354-3201. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

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KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY
PLANNING COMMISSION

Canton - Westland

Acts of Culture Week to be celebrated

Canton Township will once again focus a spotlight on arts and culture during the 6th annual Canton Acts of Culture Week. This week of events, presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, will begin on Sunday, May 1 and continue through Sunday, May 8, at various community locations.

The week of events is designed to showcase community cultural resources and partnerships; celebrate diverse culture offerings; raise awareness of arts accessibility; instill an appreciation of local arts organizations and promote the arts and heritage in and around the Canton community, according to a spokesperson.

Among the events planned are:

The Michigan Opera Theatre's "How Nanita Learned To Make Flan" at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 1 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage in partnership with the Village Theater and Michigan Opera Theatre Community Programs Touring Ensemble. This 45-minute opera for children will be sung in English (with some Spanish) by Michigan Opera Theatre Community Programs touring ensemble. Join a little girl on a fairy tale journey filled with discovery, danger and delicious flan. Nanita's papa, a shoemaker, works so hard he doesn't have time to make his daughter shoes. Nanita's First Communion is coming up, so Nanita decides to make the shoes for herself, but somehow her odd little creations turn out to be enchanted, and they sleepwalk her far away. When she awakens, she is lost and must find her way home. Flan, made by Los Amigos Restaurant, will be sold following the performance: $3 each or two for $5. Tickets are priced at $6 and are available on-line at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300.

The 6th Annual Ladies Dillenbeck Art Exhibition Reception at D & M Art Studio, located at 8691 N. Lilley Road, will take place from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, May 1. This exhibition and sale of select original artwork features pieces that were created by local women artists. Art will include drawings, paintings, and photography by artists including: Sharon Lee Dillenbeck; her daughters Erin and Kristin; her sister Donna Knight; Marilyn Meredith; Vivian Hewitt; Elizabeth Gullikson; Deana Salhaney; Kyla Suchy; Kay Masini and others. This exhibition is free and will continue through May 31. For more information, visit www.dmartstudio.com.

"Acts of Fashion - Fashion Show" will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 7 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for this charity runway fashion show and shopping experience. Included will be a spring/summer lineup of high end fashion wear and accessories from new, local and upcoming designers. Participating merchants include: Carson's, Rue 21, and Al Wissam among others. There will be special performances by Kelsey Rose, Central City Dance, The Detroit Tap Repertoire and others.

Tickets are $15 per person and are available at www.cantonvillagetheater.org. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the World War II Veterans Dormitory via the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities. For more information, visit www.actsoffashion.com.

A complete calendar of the 6th annual Canton Acts of Culture Week events is available at www.cantonfun.org. For more information, call (734) 394-5360.

Upscale home plan OK'd

Members of the Westland City Council have approved the site plan for a new upscale home development on the site of the former Nankin Mills Elementary School.

The 7.39 acre development will be called Nankin Mills Subdivision and will be located at the north side of Ann Arbor Trail, at Hubbard Road, west of Merriman Road.

The developer, Amson Development, is proposing a 31-lot subdivision which will contain city streets, concrete sidewalks, street lighting and street trees, as required for all residential development.

Amson Development has proposed three models of single-family homes in the project including a 2,270 square foot, four-bedroom colonial; a 2,395 square foot three-bedroom colonial and a 2,527 square foot, four-bedroom colonial. All homes will be constructed with a brick exterior on all four sides to the top of the first floor, according to the site plans presented to the city council for approval.

The development will also contain a storm water detention pond at the east end of the site on the adjacent Livonia Public Schools property. A 24-square foot monument identification sign will be placed at each entrance of the subdivision, according to the plans.

"The demand for new, upscale homes in Westland is really starting to take off following Westland's recognition by Wall Street 24/7 as one of the top 50 communities for young families," commented Mayor William Wild. "New families are really attracted by Westland's schools and high quality affordable living lifestyle."

Newburgh repairs planned

The City of Westland is partnering with the Michigan Department of Transportation on concrete repair work on Newburgh Road.

The work will take place along Newburgh Road from north of Ford Road to Warren Road, according to a prepared release from the office of Mayor William Wild.

The total cost of the project is $1,458,660 and Westland will pay $264,760 which leaves $1,193,900 being funded by the state.

As part of the road work, crews will remove and replace deficient sections of concrete including handicap ramps and pavement sealing. At least one lane for traffic will be accessible from both directions at all times for the duration of the project, according to the statement.

The project is scheduled to be completed during this construction season.

City and school officials celebrated the reopening of the high school planetarium.

Skies

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work with our kids."

"Now we have the opportunity to take the technology even further, so when we say our kids will be able to reach the stars, they will really do that," said Michelle Harmala, Superintendent of Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

In the future, the planetarium will again be available for use by other schools, the community and those outside of Wayne-Westland through a facilities rental process. The planetarium is located at the high school, 36105 Marquette in Westland.

For more information, contact John Glenn High School principal David A. Ingham at (734) 419-2323.

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Calendar of events

Learn to bellydance

Introduction to Belly Dance classes will begin from 6:15-7:15 tonight, April 28 and continue on Thursdays through June 2.

This feminine dance combines light cardio with core strength and flexibility and includes hip accents, undulations and belly rolls, shimmies, and arm movements. Light choreography is involved.

No previous dance experience required. Recommended attire includes yoga/sweatpants or shorts and fitted top. This dance is traditionally performed barefoot but students may prefer no-slip socks/slipper or jazz shoes on the wood floor.

Classes recommended for those 15 and older. The fee is $75 or $60 for city of Plymouth residents.

Register at the recreation department, 525 Farmer, Plymouth, MI 48170

(734)455-6620.

Pottery sale

The Village Potters Guild members have planned their annual spring sale from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday April 29, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday April 30 and from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday May 1.

Functional and decorative pottery created by members of the guild will be available at the annual event.

Tableware, tiles, jewelry and a wide range of decorative and framed pieces will be sold.

The studio is located at 326 N. Main St. in Plymouth. For more information or directions to the studio, visit www.villagepottersguild.org or call (734) 207-8807.

Unused drug disposal offered.

The federal Drug Enforcement Administration and the Plymouth Township Police Department will coordinate efforts to remove potentially dangerous drugs from home from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30.

Residents can bring expired, unwanted and unused pharmaceuticals and other medication to law enforcement officers for the proper disposal.

The Police Department is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, just north of Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call (734) 354-3232.

Mom-to-Mom sale planned

Canton Leisure Services will host a Mom to Mom Sale from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. April 30 at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton.

More than 60 booths will be on site offering great deals on everything that is baby, child or maternity related, according to a prepared announcement. Moms will be selling gently used children's clothing and shoes, plus toys, books, DVDs/videos, baby gear, Halloween costumes, water and swim gear, and more. Bargain shoppers will also be able to find great deals on furniture, strollers, high chairs and more in the large item area.

Admission is $2 from 8 - 9 a.m. and $1 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. All sales are "cash only."

For more information, contact the Summit on the Park front desk at (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

Seed Swap Guru to speak

Seed Swap Guru Ben Cohen of Gardens Across America will speak at the Romulus Public Library at 6:30 p.m. May 2 to share knowledge, wisdom and stories about community seed libraries, seed exchanges, unique seeds and the benefits of community gardening.

He will also be giving away rare seeds to interested growers.

The event is free and open to the public. The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

May the 4th be with you

The Romulus Public Library will present a Star Wars program from 5-8 p.m. May 4 which will include pizza, crafts and Star Wars: The Force Awakens.

Those who wear a Star Wars costume will receive a prize. No registration is required but those younger than 12 should be accompanied by an adult.

Participants are urged to bring camp chairs or pillows to make seating more comfortable.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Church hosts card party

SS Simon and Jude Church will host a Spring Card Party from 6:30 until 10 p.m. May 6.

Tickets are priced at $8 and available at the door. There will be door and table prizes, a 50-50 drawing, a light meal and snacks. Several different card games will be played.

The church is located at 32500 Palmer Road in Westland.

For more information, call (734) 722-1343.

Spring Clean-up set

The 2016 Spring Clean Up in the City of Plymouth is planned for Saturday, May 7.

The annual clean up will take place in all areas of the city. Residents should have all items at the curb for pick up by 7 a.m. Officials have cautioned residents, however, not to place at the curb more than 24 hours in advance of the scheduled pick up.

Additional information regarding Spring Clean Up Day can be found at [http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/index.aspx?nid=1069]

Spring Clean Up Day is for large items and bagged and canned trash only.

Automated trash carts, automated recycling carts and compost/yard waste will not be picked up May 7. For questions or more information, contact the city municipal services office at 734) 453-7737.

Book discussion planned

The Second Monday Book Club will meet at the Romulus Public Library Meeting Room at 7 p.m. May 9 to discuss Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter by Kate Clifford Larson.

Copies of the book are available at the library, located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

For information, call (734) 942-7589.

Who killed Laura?

A hard-boiled detective, a beautiful advertising executive and a string of lovers are featured in the murder mystery "Laura" which will be onstage through May 1, at Barefoot Productions Theater. Mark McPherson is the gritty detective assigned to find out who killed the glamorous Laura. He falls in love with her as he reads her letters, basks in the light of her portrait and interviews her friends. Made popular by the 1944 film adaptation, "Laura," was voted by the AFI as one of the top 10 mystery films of all time. Curtain times are 8 p.m. April 29 and 30 and at 2 p.m. May 1. The theater is located at 240 North Main St. in downtown Plymouth. Tickets are priced at $15-$17 with student and senior discounts. For more information, call 734-404-6889 or go to www.justgobarefoot.com.

Adults gather to color

An Adult Coloring Club will meet at the Romulus Public Library, 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus from 12:30-3:30 p.m. May 7 and from 6:30-7:45 p.m. May 16.

Relaxing music, refreshments and material will be provided and all skill levels are welcome.

For information, call (734) 942-7589.

Time capsule to be opened

Officials from the city of Westland will open a time capsule buried 50 years ago as part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the city.

The opening is set for 11 a.m. May 16 at Westland City Hall when a ceremony is planned to celebrate the opening of the time capsule.

Officials said there will be tours of city hall and opportunities for the public to view the contents of the capsule throughout the day.

The city cable station, WLND will also be taping a panel discussion with Mayor William R. Wild and former mayors of the city.

The Mayor's Homecoming Reception will begin at 7 p.m.

More information is available at www.cityofwestland.com and the city Facebook page.

Youth Expo Thursday

The third annual Youth Expo is planned for 2-5 p.m. May 5 at the Dozier Recreation Center in Inkster.

The event, designed for youth between the ages of 13-18 will feature resources like a clothing closet of free secondhand clothing, hygiene product giveaways, haircuts, a pet therapy animal and school supply giveaways. There will be food and fun activities including a video game truck, arts and crafts project, games, raffles and prizes. More than 20 organizations that serve youth and families also will be on hand to answer questions and provide information.

The recreation center in located at 2025 Middlebelt Road in Inkster.

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